

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday September 24th 2006

MRG Experimenter Group

The MRG experimenter Radio Group VHF/UHF SSB Challenge 2006 was held on the 10th of September. The main centre of activity on the day seems to have been from the South and Northwest, some contacts of 500 kilometres and more were achieved. Closing date for logs is October the 10th 2006. Logs should be sent to "ei2mrg at yahoo dot com".

Trophies will be presented to the winners of the fixed and portable sections later in the year.

Kerry Amateur Radio Group AGM

The third AGM of the Kerry Amateur Radio Group will be held on Saturday the 7th of October 2006 at the Muckross House Coffee Shop in Killarney at 10 a.m. sharp. No officer's posts were contested in the recent request for nominations so the incumbents will be deemed to be re-elected unless other nominations are received, on the day and prior to the start of the AGM.

Current incumbents are: EI2JP is Chairman and Treasurer, EI9ESB is Vice Chairman and the position of Hon. Secretary is held by EI7CQB.

A planning session will be held after the election to discuss plans for the club during the 2006-2007 year. This is your opportunity to set the agenda for the coming year and all club members are requested to attend and bring constructive ideas to guide the direction of the club in the New Year.

Members are also reminded that memberships are due for renewal on the 1st of October. Those members who haven't renewed their membership for the 2006-2007 year are asked to now forward their subscription to EI2JP at QTHR.

Mayo Rally

The Mayo Rally will take place on Sunday the 26th of November 11:00 a.m. in the Belmont Hotel, Knock. Special rates are available for those wishing to stay overnight.

Bed and Breakfast is 50 Euro per person sharing or 70 Euro with evening meal.

For bookings, contact the Belmont Hotel directly on 094-9388122. For enquiries about the Mayo rally, contact the rally organiser: Padaric Baynes EI9JA on 087-6957154 or email "pbaynes1 at eircom dot net".

Theory Classes

Classes in Waterford will commence this Tuesday the 26th of September at 7.30 p.m. in the Roanmore Centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford.

Classes are continuing with SDR every Tuesday between 8.00 p.m. and 10.00 p.m. in the Marian Community Centre, Marian Road, Tempelogue.

Mayo AGM

The ninth AGM of the Mayo Radio Experimenters Network will be held in Stensons of Ballyvary (on the N5) on Wednesday October the 4th at 9 p.m. The group will be looking for a new Chairperson; Jimmy Kelly EI2GCB, having served the maximum three-year term will be standing down. In February 2007 the Mayo Radio Experimenters Network will be ten years old and plans are underway to mark the event. At the October meeting good wishes for a speedy recovery were extended to Michael Clarke EI3IG and Willie Long EI6AI - both of whom were ill recently.

Several members of the MREN travelled to the Leicester Rally in the UK Midlands, enjoying the fine weather and car racing at Donnington Park as added attractions.

4 Metre Net

The 4-metre activity night takes place on the first Tuesday of each month between 20:00 and 22:00 local time. The next activity night is Tuesday the 3rd of October. Please send reports to "ei3ix at eircom dot net". Call in frequency is 70.2625 MHz. So if you have any AM/FM/SSB gear, vertically or horizontally polarised, give a call in! Don't forget to have a listen for the 4-metre simplexer on 70.350 MHz.

6 Metre SSB Net

A monthly six metre net meets on the first Monday of each month on 50.135 SSB

(horizontal polarisation) at 2100 (local time). The purpose of this net is to increase activity on the six-metre band.

The next 6 metre SSB net is on Monday the 2nd of October 2006 on 50.135 MHz (horizontal polarisation) at 2100 local time. In recent nets, stations from all over EI and abroad have checked in.

DX News

A group of operators will be QRV as 9H0VRZ from Qawra, Malta until the 3rd of October. Activity is on 80 to 6 meters using CW, SSB and various digital modes. QSL via PB9ZR.

DS4DRE/4 is QRV from Hong Island, Korea IOTA AS-093, until the end of the year. Activity is on 80 to 10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL direct to home call.

An international team of operators will activate Libya from November the 14th to the 28th 2006 using the callsign 5A7A. The objective of the Dxpedition is to support the development of amateur radio in Libya while at the same time activating a rare country. Activity will be on all bands using CW, SSB, FM, RTTY, SSTV and PSK.

Members of the Limerick Radio Club are QRV as EI60LRC until the end of the year to mark 60 years of the club. Activity is on 80 to 10 metres. QSL is via EI8EM.

Items for inclusion in next weeks Radio News should be forwarded to Mark Wall, EI7IS at QTHR or by phone to 051-853806 or 087-6302026. Items for the radio news can also be faxed to 087 5 6302026. News should be submitted via e-mail to “news at irts dot ie” for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Friday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sundays bulletin.

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